

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 2, 2007



Members Present

Tammy Johnston  
Jeffrey Jones  
Josephine Carpenter  
Donna Logan  
Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton  
Marita Derrick

Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate  
Randall Urgo, Advocate

VCSB Representative

Dana Fitzgerald  
Brenda Sasser

Affiliate Presentations

Horizon Residential Services  
Heart Havens

Guests

Mr. Joseph Lynch  
Rhonda Angel  
Deborah Bullard  
Kelly Murphy  
Jim Hall  
Meneika Keith  
Beth Howell

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton, Chair for this meeting, called the March 2, 2007 meeting to order.	
Introduction	Mr. Chuck Collins introduced Mr. Joseph Lynch, who is a member of the State Human Rights Committee. Mr. Lynch is visiting several local human rights committees in this area.	N/A
Approval of Minutes	Josephine Carpenter motioned to approve the January, 2007 meeting minutes, Tammy Johnston seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.	N/A
Agenda Amended	Mr. Collins requested that LAR appointments occur during the Closed Session at the end of the public meeting.	Agenda Amended
Public Comment	Ms. Bouldin-Clopton introduced the period for public comment:  Mr. Collins reported on the Task Force that is assigned to look at Mental Health Reform in the State.	

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	<p>Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Leroy Hassell, has established a Commission for the modification and improvement of the Mental Health Statutes regarding Emergency Custody Orders, Temporary Detention Orders and Involuntary Commitment proceedings. Mr. Collins serves on a Task Force that supports the Commission, and he is open to and welcomes comments, suggestions, concerns, opinions, etc. on how we can improve the Statutes that deal with the ECO, TDO and Involuntary Commitment proceedings.</p> <p><b>Task Force Agenda Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of primary importance is to decriminalize the process.</li> <li>• Looking at the timeframe (4 hours for ECO long enough? Or too long, etc)</li> <li>• Individuals who are involved in an involuntary commitment proceeding – Task force is looking at the training these individuals have had, is it appropriate, etc.?</li> </ul>	
Agency Update	<p>Ms. Sasser, MR Director at VCSB reported that Ms. Kathy Kristiansen has been hired as the Behavioral Health Director to replace the position vacated by Mr. Scott Stewart.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative update – there may be funding available for the Substance Abuse program; in the past Medicaid reimbursement has not been available for the SA programs.</li> <li>• Additional Waiver Slots have been approved – however, there are a considerable number of individuals on the waiting lists.</li> <li>• 1314 West Johnson Street work continues.</li> <li>• 600 E. Main Street Waynesboro, (MH house) work is in progress. Anticipate opening the end of the summer 2007.</li> <li>• Leadership team and agency-wide, Valley is ensuring a transformation system is in place.</li> </ul>	Informational
<b>Training/Case Updates</b>	<p>Mr. Urgo distributed a copy of the Regulations that are relevant to the appointment of Next of Friend. For clarity purposes, Mr. Urgo stated that although the Director of the Agency may appoint the LAR, the LHRC has to review and approve the appointment.</p> <p><u>Case Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 3 formal complaints – 2 have been resolved and 1 pending, resolution will occur soon.</li> <li>• 1 Informal pending (quick resolution expected)</li> </ul>	Informational
Affiliate Presentation	Beth Howell, Program Manager for Wall Residences, LLC presented the Annual Report.	(Report on File with minutes)

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<b>Closed Session</b>	<p><b>Upon motion by Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton and seconded by Marita Derrick the LHRC voted to enter into Executive Session according to Virginia Code 2.2.-3711A for protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business – namely to discuss LAR appointments, use of restrictive restraint, and private provider Local Human Right’s Violations, as allowed by the Human Rights Regulations.</b></p> <p><b><u>UNDER THE VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT §2.2-3700 ET. SQ. CODE OF VIRGINIA – Committee reconvened in Open Session. Elizabeth Boulding-Clopton</u></b></p> <p><b>Upon reconvening in open session</b>, the Valley Community Services Board Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that to the best of each Local Human Rights Committee member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in the Executive Session.</p> <p>I so Certify – Josephine Carpenter I so Certify - Tammy Johnston I so Certify - Jeffrey Jones I so Certify – Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton I so Certify – Donna Logan I so Certify - Marita Derrick</p> <p><u>The motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint M. Keith as LAR for L.J.</u></p> <p><u>The motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint B. Jennings as LAR for D.H.</u></p> <p><u>The motion was made and unanimously passed to use protective restraint for R.C. when necessary.</u></p> <p>L.F. addressed Human Right’s violation issues.</p> <p><b><u>The motion was made and unanimously passed to require L.F. to attend the next two LHRC meetings with updates.</u></b></p>	<p>L.F. will need to provide a written annual report for LHRC.</p> <p>LHRC also requested that L.F. attend the next two meetings providing them with updates.</p>
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Slate of Officers	<p>The Valley LHRC is charged with selecting officers. The Chair and Vice Chair positions were vacated in January 2007.</p> <p>Members discussed recruiting another member for the Committee – this item will be on the May Agenda.</p>	<p>During the May 2007 Meeting Officers will be nominated and appointed for the following positions:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair, Vice-Chair Secretary</p>
Adjourn	<p>With no further business to conduct, <b>Marita Derrick motioned to adjourn, Jo Carpenter seconded. Motion to Adjourn carried.</b></p>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING OF LHRC</b> <b>May 4, 2007</b> <b>Sanger's Lane</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b></p>